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THE NEXT BIG THING



CAPTAIN MARVEL IS BACK! WE TAKE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT WHY THIS HERO IS GOING TO CAPTIVATE THE CITY.



NEW MUSEUM EXHIBIT SIMPLY "ABSORBING"

Captains America and Marvel were spotted stopping Absorbing Man from destroying the Museum of Natural History before heading to Avengers Tower.

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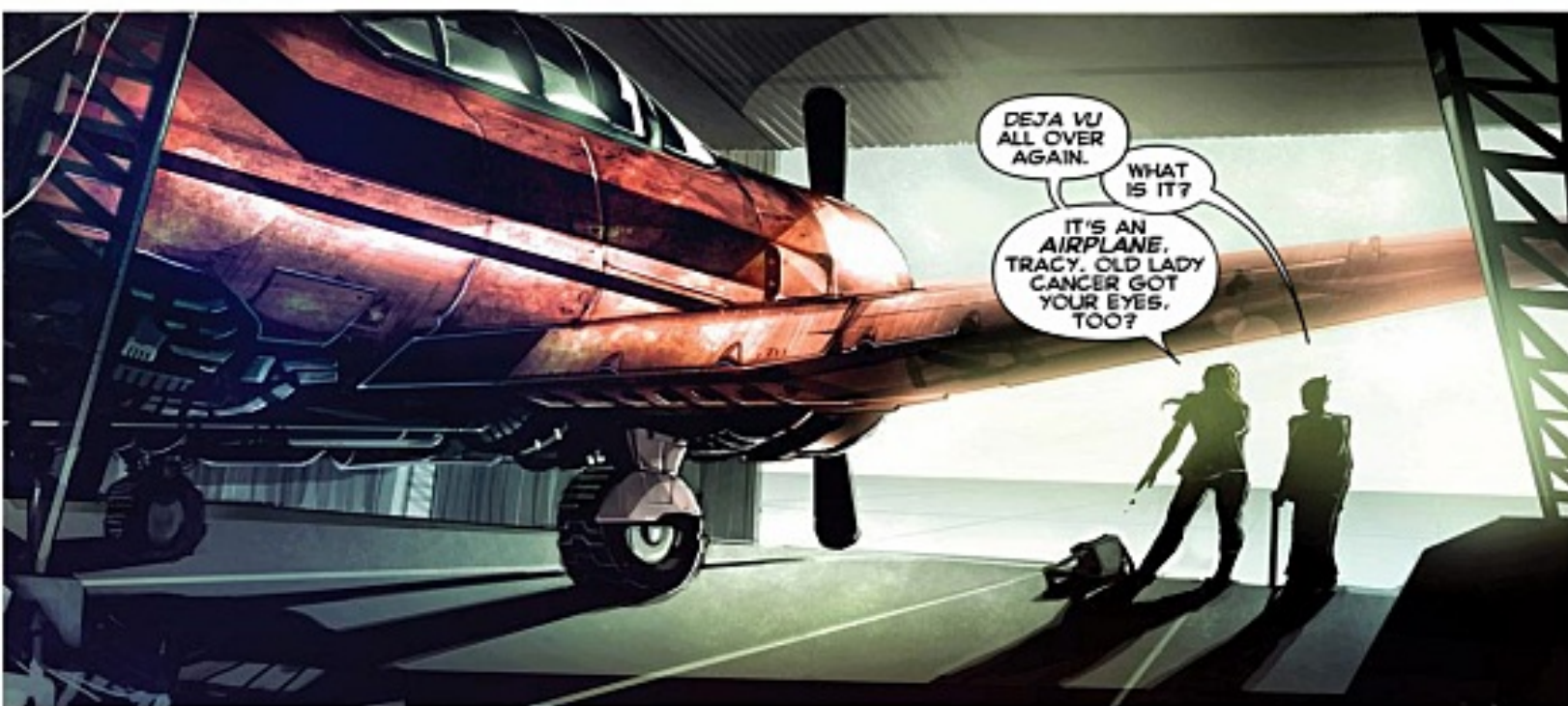
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**HELEN
COBB'S
PRIVATE
HANGAR.**

FRIENDSWOOD,
TEXAS



DEJA VU
ALL OVER
AGAIN.

WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S AN
AIRPLANE,
TRACY. OLD LADY
CANCER GOT
YOUR EYES,
TOO?



HAR HAR,
WOMEN AIN'T
FUNNY, DANVERS.
WHY DO YOU
TRY?

I LIKE TO
SEE YOU
SMILE.

...



HAPPY
NOW?



"HIS SECOND WAS
ASSUMING THE
LITTLE AMERICAN GAL
WOULD ABIDE BY
'HOUSE' ARREST."

"ONE THING
ABOUT
COBB..."

THUNK

COME
ON, BABY--
COOOOME
ON!

OOO-EEE-OOO-EEE-OOO

WOO-
HOOO!

"...SHE WAS
NEVER MUCH
FOR DOING
WHAT SHE
WAS TOLD."

"A WEALTHY ADMIRER BOUGHT THE PLANE FROM THE PERUVIAN FOR MORE THAN IT WAS WORTH AND HAD IT REPAINTED FOR HELEN AS A BIRTHDAY GIFT."

"HE LIKED HER STYLE."

"I'M SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW HER."

"THE TWO OF YOU TOGETHER IN YOUR PRIME? YOU'D HAVE MADE THELMA AND LOUISE LOOK LIKE THE ANDREWS SISTERS."

"THE ANDREWS SISTERS WERE HELL-RAISERS."

"DO I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU KNOW THAT?"

"PROBABLY NOT."

"SO... YOU GONNA DO IT?"

"WE'VE GOT FOUR DAYS BEFORE I NEED TO BE BACK IN NEW YORK FOR MY SURGERY."

"I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S WHY SHE LEFT IT TO ME."

"IF I REPEAT HER FLIGHT IN THE SAME PLANE, THEN THE HISTORY BOOKS SAY MAYBE SHE WASN'T A LIAR."

"WELL, SHE WAS A LIAR, BUT SHE MIGHT ALSO HAVE BEEN THE BEST PILOT OF HER GENERATION."

"AND IF YOU REPEAT, MAYBE YOU'RE THE BEST OF YOURS...?"

"TRACY..."

"WHAT'S THIS 'MAYBE' NONSENSE?"







COME ON.
COME ON.
COME ON.

YOU CAN DO
THIS THE OLD-
FASHIONED
WAY.



DAMMIT,
CAROL! DO
NOT LOSE
THIS PLANE--



DO
NOT--



LOSE--



**LOCATION:
UNKNOWN**

AWW,
NO...NO,
NO, NO, NO,
NO...

SOMEONE
PLEASE TELL ME
I DIDN'T CRASH
HELEN'S T&E. I DON'T
SEE ANY
WRECKAGE...

WHAT DID
YOU DO CAROL?
YOU COULD'VE
JUST STOPPED AT
THE RECORD. JUST
ONCE, COULDN'T
YOU--

SNAP

HELLO...?
WHO'S
THERE?

CHK
CHK

CHK

HA!
HIYA,
FELLAS.

WATASHI
WA UHHHH-
VENN-GERRR!
AVENGER!

COME
ON, YOU GUYS,
SERIOUSLY?

CAPTAIN
MARVEL? CAPTAIN
AMERICA?
NO?

IMA
KYAPUTEN-
AMERIKA TO IWANA
KATYA KA? YATSU
NO SHIRIAI KA?
ONNA KA?

BAKA IE,
JAA OMAE
WA TENNOU-
HEIKA TO
SHIRIAI KA?

I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
PRETTY
FAMOUS...

KYAPUTEN-AMERIKA
NO ONNA,
DAMARE!

KNOCK
IT OFF!

SUSUME!

I AM TRYING
TO COOPERATE.
ALL RIGHT? I SEEM TO
HAVE MISPLACED MY
AIRPLANE, I'M TIRED
AND I HAVE JUST FALLEN
THIRTY THOUSAND
FEET!

BUT FOR
ALL YOU KNOW,
I'M A BAD GUY, RIGHT?
I DROP INTO YOUR SPACE,
I DON'T SPEAK YOUR
LANGUAGE AND I START
YELLING AND THROWING
THINGS--

ALL
RIGHT. FAIR
ENOUGH.

YOU KNOW WHAT? WE'RE
JUST GOING TO GO
SEE YOUR BOSS AND
WE'RE GOING TO GET
THIS WHOOOLE THING
STRAIGHTENED
OUT...



WHAT IS THIS...?



IS THIS--
IS THIS ONE
OF THOSE
ISLANDS THAT
THINKS IT'S
STILL WORLD
WAR II?



BECAUSE
I HAVE SOME
GOOD NEWS AND
SOME BAD NEWS
FOR YOU
GUYS--



EXCUSE ME, I'M
SORRY, I FEEL
REALLY BAD
ASKING THIS--

BUT
IS THERE
ANYONE HERE
WHO SPEAKS
ENGLISH?





OH NO.
OH PLEASE
NO--!

YOU IN
THE CIRCUS SUIT--
HEAD DOWN!

PLEASE DO
NOT LET THIS
BE WHAT I'M
STARTING TO
THINK THIS IS!

POW
POW

RAT-TAT
TAT-TAT
TAT

POW





LATER...

TIME TRAVEL IS NOT A CAROL DANVERS PROBLEM. YOU CAN'T BLAST IT, PUNCH IT, OUTFIGHT IT OR THROW IT INTO SPACE.

TIME TRAVEL IS A REED RICHARDS PROBLEM. TONY STARK, MAYBE--

PROTOCOLS...I KNOW WE HAVE AVENGERS TIME TRAVEL PROTOCOLS. I JUST NEED TO REMEMBER WHAT THEY ARE...

DON'T STEP ON BUTTERFLIES...? SOMETHING ABOUT BUTTERFLIES.

SPIDER-WOMAN WAS RIGHT. THERE SHOULD BE A HANDBOOK.



MACKIE!

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT



WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO AHEAD AND SEND UP A FLARE SO THE PROWLERS CAN FIND US?

I'M SORRY, JERRI. I...I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING IN THE BUSH.

TERRAIN LIKE THIS... WILD BOAR, MAYBE?

YEAH... YEAH. THAT WAS PROBABLY IT.



DID YOU GET IT?

COULD WE EAT IT?

THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA--



--NO! SUN'S ALMOST UP. WE GOTTA MAKE IT BACK TO BASE BEFORE SOMEBODY SWITCHES THE LIGHTS ON AND THE PROWLERS FIND US.



CAPTAIN, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS--WE GOT A LOT FOR YOU TOO.

IF YOU CAN JUST HOLD ON TO 'EM A LITTLE WHILE LONGER, THERE'S RATIONS BACK IN THE CAVE. THEY TASTE LIKE SALTY CARDBOARD, BUT THEY'LL DO.

WE'LL SIT, WE'LL EAT, WE'LL TALK, ALL RIGHT?

LEAD THE WAY.

YOU
RAF?

UH...

OH, I DON'T
JUDGE. I GOT A
COUSIN SIGNED UP WITH
THE BRITS TOO. NEVER
BLAMED HER--THEY
WERE FLYING GALS
FIRST.

NO.
NO. I'M AN
AMERICAN.

WHAT'S A
"PROWLER"?

YOU
DON'T WANNA
KNOW.

MY NAME'S DAISY. I JUST
WANT TO SAY, WHAT YOU DID
WITH THAT GRENADE WAS
KILLER-DILLER.

HONEST,
WE DIDN'T
MEAN FOR IT TO
LAND SO CLOSE
TO YOU, BUT
RIVKA--

ENOUGH,
DAISY.

SHE
DIDN'T MEAN
ANYTHING--

EVERYONE,
QUIET!

PROWLER.

RUUUUNN!

RUUUUNN!

RUUUUNN!

I CAN FEEL IT BEFORE I CAN SEE IT. IT'S LIKE IT'S BREATHING DOWN MY NECK. I WANT TO HIT IT SO BAD MY FINGERS TINGLE.

HOW MUCH WILL SHOWING MY POWERS JACK UP THE TIMELINE?

WHAT CRITERIA AM I EVEN SUPPOSED TO USE TO MAKE THIS CALL?

I DON'T HAVE THE PATIENCE FOR THIS EXISTENTIAL CRAP. EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING IS SCREAMING AT ME--

DO NOT RUN
AWAY FROM
A FIGHT.



THERE'S
SOMETHING...

WHAT IS IT ABOUT
THAT THING THAT'S
FAMILIAR TO ME?

**RAT-TAT-
TAT-TAT-
TAT**





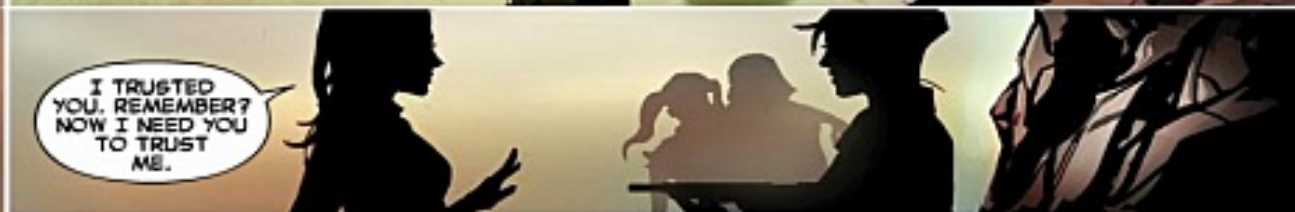
Nooooo!

DAISY,
COME ON!



WHAT THE
HOLY--?!

YOU GOT
SOME KIND
OF ROCKET
PACK UNDER
THERE?



I TRUSTED
YOU. REMEMBER?
NOW I NEED YOU
TO TRUST
ME.



YOU'RE
GOING TO GET
YOURSELF
KILLED.


IF YOU
DON'T MAKE IT
BACK...WHAT'S
YOUR NAME?

CAPTAIN
WHAT?

PRETTY SURE THIS
IS NOT GOING TO
JIBE WITH THE
BUTTERFLY
PROTOCOLS.

CAPTAIN
MARVEL.



A full-page comic book illustration of Captain Marvel. She is shown from the waist up, in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose. She wears her iconic blue and red suit with a yellow star on the chest and a red cape. Her blonde hair is flowing. She is holding a glowing yellow energy sphere in her right hand and a blue energy whip in her left. The background is a dark, industrial setting with metallic structures and debris. A speech bubble is in the upper left, and a 'NEXT ISSUE' banner is in the bottom right.

LET'S
REWRITE
SOME HISTORY.
SHALL WE?

NEXT ISSUE:

INSIDE THE PROWLERS!
CAPTAIN MARVELOUS and
THE MERCURY 13!

LET'S

RAP WITH CAP

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Well you guys and gals out there have done something amazing. As I type this lettercolumn, our book has only been on sale for a few hours and we've already sold out of issue #1 and are heading back to a second printing of both that issue and Cap's appearance in AVENGING SPIDER-MAN #9. Pretty incredible.

The reaction to the book has been pretty darn loud with some people loving what we're doing, some hating it, and some not sure what to make of us yet. What's important is that we got your attention...now our job is to keep it and try to get better every issue.

As I alluded last issue, before CAPTAIN MARVEL #1 even went on sale our mailbox was packed full with letters of support and rage for our new book. Fans of Carol Danvers are certainly not afraid to talk about what's on their mind.

This time out we're going to dive right into the fire and hear from a couple of fans who just weren't happy with what they were hearing and seeing about the new book. I've steeled myself and I'm ready to take the hits! I can only blame myself.

I'm gonna try and shut up for the most part (that's a rare occurrence as Sana can attest) and let the writers do the talking. However, if you read something that gets your engine revving, don't be afraid to write to the address above and let us know.

Howdy,

I just have to say that I have always liked Carol Danvers. From my early days seeing her in X-Men, then joining the Avengers as Warbird. I think it's great and about damn time she gets promoted to Captain. The Protector is cool, he can stay the Protector.

I want to read the new Captain Marvel ongoing but every time I see that new costume I want to vomit. I'll let the story play out concerning the new skin and hair, but those threads are horrible. Change them soon. It could kill the book. I might have to pass, myself.

Also, we need more books from you folks starring women. X-23 was a good book that should have had a longer run. I don't follow sales but the story was strong enough and I give a lot of respect to the creative team. You have the characters to do it. Storm, Black Widow, Rogue? They would all be great. I see more women in the comic shop now than I've ever seen. Give them some heroes to gravitate towards.

Alan Brown
Constantine, MI



Dear Marvel,

I've been a long time fan of Marvel Comics, spending thousands of dollars

on comics, statues, games, and other merchandise related to the Marvel Universe. In over 30 years, I've never written a letter to your company until now. I just came across some news that spurned me to finally speak up. That news was Ms. Marvel's new role and costume as Captain Marvel in July.

To put it bluntly, I hate it. Over the decades, my favorite characters have varied from Dazzler to Doctor Doom to Psylocke and recently, thanks to Brian Reed, Ms. Marvel.

Ms. Marvel was strong-willed, powerful, and sexy. I had been familiar with her for some time and always had interest in her, but she quickly moved up in status as an iconic character with a distinct look. I picked her as my character of choice in both Marvel Ultimate Alliance games, and she was the first character I purchased in the new Facebook Avengers Alliance game. I own the Premium Edition Sideshow statue of her and several other statues, figurines, and busts. I even have framed artwork of Ms. Marvel.

Then I receive the disheartening news: Ms. Marvel will be no more. She's becoming Captain Marvel (a title that should be given to Mar-Vell or one of his many relatives). And to make matters worse - you've given her a HIDEOUS new costume. I understand that she has to wear Kree colors with this new mantle - so why not give her back her original Kree-inspired costume? That outfit is in every way better than this trash.

Or, better yet: LEAVE HER ALONE! Please. Her run in the 90s lasted 50 issues. That's outstanding for a female solo title. And she did it as Ms. Marvel in her iconic costume. This new idea you guys have is only attracting attention of one small group of readers - those who know nothing about Ms. Marvel and are curious about this new female character. They aren't going to sustain this comic for more than a few months - maybe a year at tops. I'm no psychic, but sales are going to be bad for this title.

You're not only upsetting the Ms. Marvel fans with this move, but from what I'm understanding, you're also upsetting the Mar-Vell fans who were all expecting his return to the role of Captain Marvel. Here's a novel idea: DO THAT! Bring back Mar-Vell as Captain Marvel and make EVERYONE happy. Please listen to your fans. I'm going to buy digital versions of the last Ms. Marvel run just because I enjoyed it that much (I already own physical copies). But if Carol becomes Captain Marvel, then I'm sorry. I'm out. And from the sound of things, droves will be right there with me.

If you managed to read this far, I thank you for the time you've invested in hearing my plea. I haven't asked a lot of your company - in fact I haven't ever asked anything before. But this one time, I'd really like you to reconsider destroying Carol Danvers in this fashion. She's

her own character with her own distinct look.

She doesn't need to become another Captain Marvel to follow in the shadows of someone who has already carried that name with distinction.

Until this hell is cast upon us, Make mine Marvel!

Eric Apfel

Phew! Got through it!

Eric and Alan, if you made it this far, I hope we've assuaged your fears somewhat. Obviously our intention is not at all to "destroy" Carol. We've worked hard to stay faithful to the character, but to also not encase her in amber either. Carol ain't gentle and I think every good super hero needs their world rocked once in awhile.

More than any other character we publish, Carol is resilient and resolute. We're going to be aiming to show that month in and month out. I hope you stick around for it.



Shoot! Out of room! Real quick DO NOT miss the debut of HAWKEYE #1 on sale this month. It's by the neo-classic team of Matt Fraction and David Aja and it's a book you'll wish you had been on the ground floor of.

We'll catch up next issue with more of Carol's trip to 70 years in the past!

Viva Templar!
Simperin' Steve!
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